

HOUSE BILL 2492

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38
and Title 71, relative to victims of human
trafficking.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section thereto:

(a) The department shall establish a plan for the delivery of services to victims of
human trafficking which shall include, but not be limited to, provisions to:

(1) Identify victims of human trafficking in this state;

(2) Identify community-based services for victims of human trafficking;

(3) Assist victims of human trafficking through the provision of
information regarding access to benefits and services to which those victims may
be entitled;

(4) Coordinate delivery of services and information concerning health
care, mental health care, legal services, housing, job training, education and
victim's compensation funds;

(5) Prepare and disseminate educational materials and provide training
programs to increase awareness of human trafficking and the services available
to victims; and

(6) Assist victims of human trafficking with family reunification.

(b) The plan shall include a timeline for which the department anticipates the
state would be capable of implementing the plan, along with anticipated rates of
assistance to victims of human trafficking, cost of implementation, an itemized rationale

for both, and any other factor that the department opines will significantly contribute to or detract from the success of implementing the plan.

(c) The department is authorized to make application for and accept funding from any public or private source to effectuate the purposes of this section.

(d) By March 1, 2012, the department shall transmit a copy of the plan and issue a report to the chair of the judiciary committee of the senate and the chair of the judiciary committee of the house of representatives.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.